

A VALENTINE.

ADDRESSED TO MISS ALICE F.—VIRGINIA.
I would not ask that but dross wealth
Would meet me every way and without
Nor that long voluntary health
Would make thy home in Heaven dim.
I would not ask that pleasure's fire
Might consume around that every day—
A heart so simple, so true,
Cast its shadow over thy way.
But I would ask the "Master Hand,"
That touches every chord of toys,
To give me a heart as the woodland dove's—
A heart that is ever first and true,
A heart that is true with love for you.
I would not ask that pride or power,
With few of lights might write thy name,
Nor that the plaudits of an hour
Might greet the echo of thy name.
I would not ask that the world should be
Should be the dearest to thy heart—
But I would ask the "better part,"
Oh, love is sweet, truly good,
Will make it better, the soul.
—*Songster Home, for The Republican*

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Spring failing promises to be good.
Norfolk city will purchase Bradford's lake for \$100,000.

The friends in the Amherstines interfere much with the election.

It is said that Mr. Massey's friends contemplate starting a paper in Richmond, called *The Free Re-reader*.

Mrs. M. A. Wallach, widow of the late proprietor of the Washington Star, has sold her farm in Culpeper, Va., to W. R. Robertson for \$9,000.

The ship General Knox, which has just sailed from Liverpool, carried the extraordinary cargo of 1,000 bales of cotton. She was bound in nineteen days.

The Winchester Shoe Company are receiving orders in excess of their ability to supply with the present number of hands, so the number of operators will shortly be made.

Mr. L. D. Button retires from the Lynchburg, Virginia, and is succeeded by Mr. E. A. Button, a son of the deceased, a man of genial and bright mind and pleasant address.

Mrs. Susan D. Withers, the venerable mother of ex-Senator R. E. Withers, died Wednesdays morning in Buckingham County, aged eighty-four years.

General R. Lindsay Walker has resigned his position as superintendent of the Richmond division of the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad, and Mr. George W. Agee has been made superintendent of the entire line, with headquarters at Richmond.

The local option agitation at Stanton is taking shape in the circulation of petitions forwarded to the Legislature, and the grand jury, which has presented almost every liquor dealer in the city for selling spirits to minors.

General Bradley T. Johnson is making a horseback jaunt through Southwest Virginia, and telling Baltimoreans in a series of letters to the Baltimore Sun what a big thing it would be for them to live in that wonderful region by the iron rails.

At a meeting of the School Council of Norfolk on Tuesday evening, an ordinance was passed by the joint finance committee of the councils to issue certain non-taxable coupons on bonds of the city, to the amount of \$100,000, for the retirement of certain debts of the school building and adding, and to call in certain bonds of the city, was adopted.

The commonwealth attorney of Clarke County has issued a warrant for the arrest and negotiation of the bonds remaining on hand which were transferred by the county to the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad. Some of these bonds have been negotiated, leaving the remainder being the hands of the railroad authorities.

Mr. H. Ferris, the Government contractor for dredging our harbor, has arrived here with his dredge and scows, and will get to work at once. He has a chamber in the Hotel New Haven, just back from the entire harbor. He is also making arrangements to build a large tug-hut in the city, the machinery for which is being made here.—*Pedder letter*.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Stock and Bond Quotations—New York.

The following report of the financial market yesterday, together with the opening, highest, lowest, and closing quotations, is given by the banking house of J. D. Cooke, Jr., & Co., 1429 F street, Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Bonds and Preferred Stocks.

Interest on a chartered bank, 5 per cent.

Water stock, 100, 1900, 1901, 1902.

Yankee stock, 100, 1900, current.

Fifty years' funding, 100, 1900, current.

Twenty years' funding, 100, 1900, current.

Twenty years' funding, 100, 1900, current.

Thirty years' funding, 100, 1900, current.

Twenty years' funding, 100, 1900, current.

Washington City Gaslight Co., scrip, 100, 1900, current.

Gaslight Co., scrip, 100, 1900, current.

Firemen's Fire Insurance Company, 43.

National Union.

Twenty years' funding, 100, 1900, current.

Corporation.

Retired Stocks.

Washington and Georgetown stock.

Washington and Potowmack bonds.

Columbia.

First class.

Name of stock.

Opening.

Highest.

Lowest.

Closing.

Alton and Terre Haute.

Alton and T. H. preferred.

Cheapeake and Ohio.

Charleston and Ohio.

Chicago and St. Louis.

Canadian Southern.

Chicago, Burlington and Q.

C. G. & I. Co. incoming.

Chesapeake and O. & P.

Central Pacific.

Chicago, Louis & N. O.

Del. Lack. and Western.

Delaware and Hudson.

Dickens and Franklin.

Erie.

First class.

Hannibal and St. Jo.

Harriman and St. Louis.

Houston and Texas.

Illinoian Central.

Louisville and Nashville.

Lake and Michigan.

Michigan Central.

Missouri Pacific.

New York and Tex.

North and South.

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